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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Your Breakfast with Senator Orrin Hatch [redacted]

You are scheduled to host breakfast on Tuesday, 2 June, at 0745 for Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R., UT). Also attending are Bob Gates, Jim Taylor, Dick Kerr, Bill Donnelly, Clair George, Ev Hineman, [redacted] and myself. [redacted]

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This memorandum is to give you a brief look at Senator Hatch and the issues of personal interest to him. The objective of the breakfast is to cement relations and to provide Senator Hatch with an opportunity to air issues of concern to him. [redacted]

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Senator Hatch joined the Senate Intelligence Committee in 1984 for an eight year term that ends in 1992. His service in the Senate began in 1977. He faces reelection in 1988 and has already told us that he will have little time to devote to intelligence matters once his reelection campaign gets underway. Senator Hatch's other committee assignments include: Judiciary; Labor and Human Resources, where he is Ranking Minority Member; and Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition. [redacted]

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Senator Hatch is a strong supporter of the Agency and previously has indicated a desire to play a role whenever there is a problem. [redacted]

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Senator Hatch's calendar is currently dominated by his assignment to the Senate Iran/Contra Committee. His basic attitude is that efforts by Congress to "dictate terms and conditions of foreign policy" to the President are "an unconstitutional encroachment on the Presidential prerogatives and power." He sees the current hearings as overly partisan efforts to tar the Administration as being criminally culpable. Throughout the hearings he has tended to soften attacks on the principals, including Mr. Casey. Some of his comments from the hearings are given at Tab B. [REDACTED]

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Attached at Tab C are a seating chart and a profile of Senator Hatch. [REDACTED]

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